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For: DEVICE FOR PRODUCING A HOT-ROLLED THERMAL STRIP,
ESPECIALLY MADE OF STRIP-TYPE CONTINUOUS CASTING
MATERIAL

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

S I R:

Applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the references identified on the enclosed form PTO-1449 which were cited in a Japanese Office Action (copy attached) in a corresponding Japanese patent application.

Applicants hereby state that the references are submitted after the issuance of a first office action but before issuance of a final office action. Applicant also states that the references are submitted within three months from the date on which they were brought to the Applicant's attention. No fee is required at this time.

With the submission of this admitted prior art, applicant thus complies with the duty of disclosure as set forth at 37 CFR 1.56.

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